

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on January 18, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 158, 1/8/2007; SB 190, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: SB 190, SB 158, SB 122

00:00:14

HEARING ON SB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:56 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 190**, Interim study to determine the feasibility of a bike path.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:11 Marianne Fiehrer, Chairperson, Transportation Preservation Society of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(his12a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his12a03\)](#)

00:11:20 Harold Juedeman, Transportation Preservation Society of Montana and resident of Wolf Creek, MT

00:13:40 Frederick Verzani, Transportation Preservation Society of Montana and Resident, Cascade, MT

[EXHIBIT\(his12a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his12a05\)](#)

00:19:02 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:20:28 John Baucus, Sieben Ranch Company and Transportation Preservation Society of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:07 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

00:25:21 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Lewis

00:26:34 Sen. Frank Smith to Director Lynch, MDOT

00:28:05 Sen. Jerry Black to Sen. Lewis rereferred to Director Lynch, MDOT

00:30:48 Sen. Roy Brown to Director Lynch, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:17 Sen. Lewis closed on SB 190.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 190

00:33:04 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 190 BE TABLED. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voting no.

Discussion:

00:34:06 Sen. John Brueggman

00:34:36 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that Committee staff write a letter to the Montana Department of Transportation requesting that the Department conduct a feasibility study on creating a bicycle path along the Missouri River/I-5 corridor between Helena and Great Falls and that the letter be signed by Committee members in conjunction with the sponsors of SB 190. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:47 SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 158, Revise laws on transportation reciprocity agreements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:37 Jim Currie, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

00:40:38 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Montana Motorcarriers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:30 Sen. Brown to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:42:04 Sen. Black to Mr. Currie, MDOT, referred to Dennis Sheehy, MDOT

00:47:09 Sen. Black to Director Lynch, MDOT

00:48:09 Sen. Smith to Director Lynch, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:17 Sen. Cocchiarella closed on SB 158

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 158

00:50:44 **Motion:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 158 DO PASS.

00:51:00 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that
#SB015801.AAG BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.

EXHIBIT(his12a06)

00:52:10 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 158 DO
PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote.

00:51:24 Andrew Geiger, Research Analyst, Legislative Services
Division

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 122

00:53:32 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SMITH moved that SB 122 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:55:29 Sen. Cocchiarella requested additional amendment.
No action was taken on SB 185.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

GP/lo

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his12aad.pdf](#))